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17 April 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR : Project Director of Materiel  
SUBJECT : Helmet and Bladder Modifications

25X1 1. Attached is a copy of a letter written by [redacted] which is self-explanatory. Mr. Bissell and I are both aware of the difficulty being experienced with deterioration of the rubber face-piece in the helmet.

25X1 2. [redacted] is to query the contractor for this equipment to see if a modification can be made to the face-piece which would enable changing the rubber sealing as a field replacement modification. If such a modification cannot be devised within an acceptable time, we will have to increase the spares in the flyaway kit in order that sufficient personal equipment of this nature will be available for the pilots in Detachment A.

25X1 3. It is requested that you take the following action and keep the Project Director and me informed of the final results of [redacted] efforts with the contractor:

25X1 a. Keep in close liaison with [redacted] so we may know the earliest date at which the field modification can be realized.

b. If the repair can be provided, notify Detachment A to this effect and give them information regarding supply and resupply of the essential equipment.

25X1 c. If the field repair cannot be done, so notify Detachment A and have them initiate a change in the SLOE and FAK where pertinent so we can increase the number of items in such kits.

25X1 d. Keep [redacted] informed of either action in order that appropriate contractual changes can be made if deemed necessary.

25X1 [redacted]  
Deputy Project Director

Att:

25X1 Cy ltr to [redacted]

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